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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Meeting, 28 September 1964

1. Following the intelligence briefing and reports of the members present, General Carter read off a series of notes from the Director requesting action prior to his return to headquarters. Many of the actions were in the field of intelligence estimates and analyses of NRO performances. Particular requirements were levied on the Tonkin Gulf incident -- whether or not there was any advance indication of hostile actions by the North Vietnamese and Chinese.

2. Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned additional changes in the schedule of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on Thursday and Friday of this week. The schedule had to be redrafted because of the necessary appearances of a number of people before the United States Intelligence Board on Thursday on 11-8 who were also scheduled to appear before the PFIAB. One item of particular interest to the DD/S would be the briefing of the President's Board on the substance of recommendations on audio-surveillance collection and countermeasures activities and the proposal that certain aspects of these be coordinated through a new committee of the USIB. In this regard, following conversations with Pat Coyne and Kirk, Howard Osborn will appear as Chairman of the Security Committee before the PFIAB on Thursday, 1 October, from 1015 through 1030 hours, to give a preliminary report on the damage assessment arising from the technical [REDACTED] Marvin Gentile of the Department of State will also be present. From 1030 through 1115 hours, Dick Helms will speak to the audiosurveillance and countermeasures problem and Howard Osborn will participate as appropriate.

3. General Carter raised the question of whether the Agency had received an inquiry from the Congress on recording devices. Larry Houston responded in the negative. I mentioned the fact that each year we had had an inquiry from a Congressional committee as to the number of recording devices in the Agency and that each year we had submitted a report, the substance of which was rather innocuous.

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